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For: TELECOMMUNICATIONS CALL TIME SLICING SYSTEM AND METHOD

AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed February 8, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please replace claims 1, 14, 15 and 16 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of time slicing a telecommunications call, comprising:

connecting a caller to a subscriber of a time slicing service; then:

determining if the subscriber is available to receive a call from the caller;

connecting the caller to an alternate device that provides alternate services when

the subscriber is not available to receive the call;

terminating the alternate services and resuming communication between the caller

to the subscriber when the subscriber is available to receive the call; and

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